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Cont ~~an outwardly facing first abutment surface;~~

~~a second housing defining a bore of a shape similar to said exterior surface of said first housing and adapted to slideably receive said first housing therein;~~

Q1 ~~a second load bearing member coupled to said second housing and defining an outwardly facing second abutment surface opposite to said first abutment surface; [and]~~

~~biasing means for urging said first and second load bearing members away from one another in response to a load being imposed upon at least one of said first and second abutment surfaces; and~~

~~at least one slip lining positioned between said first housing exterior surface and a bore wall defining said second housing bore.~~

~~Claim 8~~

Sub 8. (Amended) The assembly of claim 4 [further comprising:]  
F3-7 ~~wherein the compression spring includes:~~

~~at least two springs; and~~

~~a plate positioned between the springs, separating the springs from one another.~~

~~Claim 9~~

Please cancel claim 9.

~~Claim 10~~

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~~Claim 11~~

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~~Claim 12~~

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~~Claim 13~~

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